

Preliminary Amendment

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ARTICLES, AND METHODS

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Remarks

The above amendment has been made merely to remove the internal attorney docket number and replace it with the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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**APPENDIX A - SPECIFICATION/CLAIM AMENDMENTS
INCLUDING NOTATIONS TO INDICATE CHANGES MADE**

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Docket No.: 56435US002

Amendments to the following are indicated by underlining what has been added and bracketing what has been deleted. Additionally, all amendments have been marked in bold typeface.

In the Specification

The paragraph beginning at page 13, line 13, has been amended as follows:

Although the pressure sensitive adhesives described herein include quaternary ammonium functionality, other amine groups can be included in addition to or in place of the quaternary ammonium groups. These include, for example, amine oxide groups and protonated tertiary amine groups. Such polymers can be prepared from monoethylenically unsaturated amine group-containing monomers, such as monoethylenically unsaturated quaternary amine, amine oxide, and/or protonated tertiary amine group-containing monomers. Most preferred side chain amine group-containing monomers are monoethylenically unsaturated quaternary amine, amine oxide, tertiary amine, or protonated tertiary amine group-containing (meth)acrylic monomers. The most preferred monoethenically unsaturated amine group-containing monomers from which to form the pressure sensitive adhesives are quaternary amine and tertiary amine group-containing monomers. If desired, the tertiary amine groups can be easily converted to protonated tertiary amine groups, amine oxide groups, or quaternary ammonium groups by the appropriate chemical reaction as described in Applicants' Assignee's copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [] **10/052,158**, filed on even date herewith, entitled **FILM-FORMING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS [(Attorney Docket No. 57339US002)]**.